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SUBJECT: U.S. INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON SOMALIA

REFS: (A) STATE 030805

(B) ADDIS 1912

(C) MOGADISCIO 0228

1. FYI.

WE ARE WELL AWARE OF MINASSIE'S INTEREST IN OUR ESTIMATE OF NUMBERS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH SOMALI MILITARY HAVE RECEIVED FROM SOVIETS AND CAN APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, WE DO NOT SEE THAT ANYTHING USEFUL CAN BE ACHIEVED BY ARGUING NUMBERS WITH IEG. THIS IS SAME POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN IN PAST, AS EXPRESSED BY NEWSOM ON HIS LAST VISIT TO ETHIOPIA. WE WILL OF COURSE, AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FRANKLY WITH FONMIN DURING HIS VISIT THE QUESTION OF THE SOMALI THREAT.

2. IN VIEW ABOVE, INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE CONTAINED IN REF (A) IS AS CANDID AS WE CAN USEFULLY MAKE IT.

3. REPORT SUCH AS THAT CONTAINED IN PARA THREE OF SECRET

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REF (C) WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN PREPARATION

OF FUTURE ESTIMATES. HOWEVER, INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN THAT REPORT HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED SO IS NOT USABLE
AT PRESENT.

4. WE LEAVE IT ENTIRELY TO EMBASSY TO DECIDE WHETHER
IT WISHES TO GIVE DR. MINASSIE ESTIMATE SENT
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